

finished, but he could not stay longer having work at another point, but we trust and pray there are many that will have no rest till they step out on the Lord's side. I think all felt the power of the Spirit. We are working in a quiet way but are surely moving on in the path of love and harmony. Brethren and sisters, let us strive more earnestly every day that we may overcome those things within ourselves that keep us from a consecrated life. Let us have more power. A small number can be a power if their one desire is to do the Master's will. Let us learn to say from the heart "not my will but thine O Lord be done."

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March 22, 1897.

MISSIONARY TOUR.

Returned home from a little Mission tour. Preached thirty sermons, three of them memorial sermons. The first for a Presbyterian lady aged 60 years, 2 months, and 3 days. In our childhood days we were schoolmates. The occasion was improved from Job 14: 14. Subject, "Resurrection." The second, a man, aged 30 years, 11 months, 10 days. Text, James 4: 14. "What is your life." Unfortunately this was a case that no doubt through the influence of the *demon, alcohol* the disease of typhoid pneumonia took hold upon his vitals and soon laid him low in death without any known preparation. Let the unconverted take warning. The third, an infant aged 5 months, 13 days. Text, II Sam. 12: 23. "Of such is the kingdom of heaven." Oh! may we all become as such and be fully fitted for life, for death, and for the glory world. Immediate result, three by relation, one restored, and one by confession and baptism. The latter a young man of about 20 years of age who has been blind since he was about three weeks old. He was educated in one of the institutions for the blind in Philadelphia. He reads well and understands the teachings of Christ as recorded in the Gospel much better than many who can see. He read several lessons in the public assembly at the opening of the services. May the Lord bless him and make him useful in his service. A few pen wavelets and statistics. "These signs shall follow them that believe; in my name shall they cast out devils; they shall speak with new tongues; they shall take up serpents, and if they drink any deadly thing it shall not hurt them; they shall lay hands on the sick and they shall recover." In the minds of many people as well as some of our brethren this is the Christian test. Hence it follows that all who cannot reach this standard do not believe, and *all unbelievers* have no promise of salvation.

Now let those who possess these characteristics report through the BRETHREN EVANGELIST, and may the Lord send them out to cast out the legions of devils of which mankind is possessed, such as the unclean, filthy devils of drunkenness, fornication, adultery, whoring, lying, stealing, envy, hatred, malice, strife, sedition, heresy, self-righteousness, bigotry, prejudice, "and such like." The apostle Paul would say, including all the other devils of which the human family is possessed. And in order to prove themselves to be the "*believers*" spoken of let them take up scorpions, rattlesnakes or copperheads and drink deadly things and not be hurt, so that the world may learn in these last days who are truly Christians. "Let God be true and every man a liar." Remember "*those who believe*." No exception, wholly qualified, "*believers*." My Lord, *where are they?* and *what are they* doing to save our common humanity?

"Beloved, believe not every spirit, but try the spirits whether they are of God: because many false prophets are gone out into the world. Hereby know ye the Spirit of God: Every spirit that confesseth that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh is of God, and every spirit that confesseth not that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh is not of God, and this is that spirit of anti-christ."

The spirit that teaches that faith, repentance, (reformation of life) and trine dipping, Feet washing, the Lord's Supper, or any, or all the ordinances commanded by Jesus Christ are unnecessary, and are not to be observed by Christians, that spirit denies that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh, the spirit that denies the *vicarious atonement* denies that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh that he provided the "Grace of God," full and free. All such spirits are anti-Christian. Dear reader, try them by the Standard Statute book, "The Gospel of Jesus Christ."

STATISTICAL.

Expenditures in the United States during the year 1887.

Home and Foreign Mission,	\$ 5,500,000
Public Education,	96,000,000
Clergymen's salary,	12,000,000
Sugar and Molasses,	155,000,000
Meat,	303,000,000
Bread,	505,000,000

Total,	\$ 1,076,500,000
Liquor,	\$ 900,000,000
Tobacco,	600,000,010

Total,	\$ 1,500,000,000
Am't deducted,	1,076,500,000

Leaving,	\$ 423,500,000
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More for liquor and tobacco, than for missions, education, salaries, sugar molasses, meat and bread.

No. of gallons,	556,517,776
No. pounds of tobacco,	123,966,942

STATISTICS FOR 1895.

Liquor, Gallons,	900,500,000
Costing consumers,	\$ 2,701,500,000

Number of saloons in our boasted America, 247,500. Tobacco in the United States in 1896, number of acres, 595,000. Product, number of pounds, 403,004,000. Value, \$24,258,000. The am't of liquor consumed in the U. S. in thirteen years including 1860 and 1872: Number of gallons, 2,762,962,066. Cost to consumers, \$6,780,161,805. If put into wagons, ten barrels to the wagon they would extend 45,460 miles, reaching nearly twice around the world. The distance around the world being estimated at 25,000 miles, hence deducting, 45,560, would leave remaining only 4,440 miles from reaching twice around. In Germany the population in 1895 consisted of 52,279,901 souls. Their production of wine is annually about 1,000,000,000 gallons, and about 857,000,000 gallons of beer.

Spirituous liquors about 97,000,000 gallons. Wine and beer 1,857,000,000 gallons making a little over 33 gallons per capita and nearly 2 gallons spirituuous liquor.

In summing up the whole matter, dear reader, just think of our great nation, our boasted America, our Christian nation granting and licensing the manufacture and legalizing the sale of liquid damnation for the destruction of our children and future generations. Just think of the several judges of our great commonwealth issuing 247,500 licenses to that many persons, to pour the red hot, soul damning stuff down the throats of human beings, through which process over \$2,500,000,000 are annually spent, robbing millions of families of the necessities of life, food, blotting homes, happiness, filling jails, penitentiaries, alms houses, hospitals, asylums, and costing our great republic millions of dollars annually in the trials of criminals who have been, and are continually made such through the legalizing of the *destroyer* of spirit, soul and body. And all by a so-called Christian government and her legal representatives.

"Awake, oh Zion, put on thy beautiful garments, oh Jerusalem," and once for all crush the old *demon alcohol* out of existence, and hasten the day.

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I notice in your valuable paper reports from very many Brethren churches of their doings, I deem it duty and shall